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SUBJECT: MALTA: SPECIAL PAYMENTS

REF: STATE 47137

BEGIN SUMMARY: MALTA GROUP AGREED ON PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED WITH REGARD TO SPECIAL PAYMENTS TO MALTA IN 1975. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO MARCH 19, 1975, END SUMMARY.

1. AT MEETING ON MARCH 4, MALTA GROUP AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING DRAFT TEXT OF A PO TO BE ISSUED BY SYG LUNS. BEGIN TEXT:

AT A RECENT MEETING OF THE AD HOC GROUP ON MALTA THE FIVE ALLIED COUNTRIES WHO MAKE STERLING PAYMENTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM TOWARD THE ANNUAL 14 MILLION POUND PAYMENT
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TO MALTA UNDER THE EXISTING "UK-MALTA AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE USE OF MILITARY FACILITIES IN MALTA" DECLARED THEIR READINESS TO MAKE SPECIAL PAYMENTS TO MALTA FOR THE CALENDAR 1975 COLLECTIVELY ON THE SAME BASIS AND IN THE SAME MANNER AS IN

1973 AND 1974. THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED PROPOSE TO CONVEY THEIR INTENTION TO THE MALTESE AUTHORITIES THROUGH THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR IN MALTA. THE NEXT INSTALLMENT OF THE SPECIAL PAYMENTS IS FORESEEN ON 14TH MAY 1975.

PROVIDED I DO NOT HEAR TO THE CONTRARY BY 12 NOON 19TH MARCH, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LILENCE PROCEDURE IT WILL BE ASSUMED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVES THE ACTION OF THE FIVE CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES.
END TEXT

2. WITH RESPECT TO THE MANNER IN WHICH THE DECISION WILL BE CONVEYED TO THE MALTESE AUTHORITIES, THE MALTA GROUP AUTHORIZES AMBASSADOR SMITH TO MAKE, ON AN IF ASKED BASIS, THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION TO THE MALTESE AUTHORITIES IN THEIR NAME:
"ON BEHALF OF THE FIVE COUNTRIES WHO MADE SPECIAL PAYMENTS TO MALTA IN 1974, I AM AUTHORISED TO REFER TO THE MEMORANDUM OF 28TH MARCH 1973 AND TO INFORM YOU THAT THEY HAVE AGREED TO MAKE SPECIAL PAYMENTS IN 1975 COLLECTIVELY ON THE BASIS OF THAT MEMORANDUM."

3. MISSION WISHES TO EMPHASIZE THAT TEXT IN PARA 2 ABOVE IS TO BE USED ONLY ON THE CONTINGENCY THAT MALTESE AUTHORITIES MAKE SPECIAL INQUIRY. MALTA GROUP AGREED WITH US POSITION THAT THERE IS NO ADVANTAGE AT THIS STAGE IN SPECIFICALLY REMINDING THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA THAT CONTINUATION OF SPECIAL PAYMENTS IS NOT AUTOMATIC.

4. EXACT TEXT OF PO WHEN ISSUED WILL BE REPORTED ONLY IF THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL VARIATION WITH THE ABOVE DRAFT. REQUEST DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO MARCH 19.
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